



## Population Health Webinar Notes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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**Slide 4:** The Kansas Department of Health and Environment was notified of a dog exhibiting signs of rabies on February 23, 2019 and subsequently tested positive for rabies on February 25, 2019; onset of signs of rabies was on February 21, 2019. A specimen was submitted to CDC, where the diagnosis of rabies was confirmed on February 28, 2019 and typed as a cosmopolitan dog rabies virus variant consistent with other sequences reported from Egypt. This strain of rabies is not found in the US. This dog was one of a group of 26 dogs. The remaining 25 dogs from Egypt were returned to the shelter in Kansas and are in quarantine. All the dogs are still healthy and none have developed signs of rabies so far. All dogs continued to be quarantined.

**Slide 5:** Salmonella linked to melons

On April 12, the CDC and FDA announced a multistate outbreak linked to pre-cut melons supplied by Caito Foods, LLC.

93 cases from 9 states have been reported

Caito Foods LLC recalled pre-cut watermelon, honeydew melon, cantaloupe, and pre-cut fruit medley products.

Only one store in Kansas, the Leawood (Johnson County) Trader Joe's had received the implicated product.

There are no known Kansas cases at this time.

**Slide 6:** The HAI program at KDHE is working with other state health departments, and federal partners on two investigations. The first is a recall of a stem cell product, Liveyon, after 13 persons developed bacterial infections, including one from Kansas. There were seven providers in KS that treated patients with this product. Notifications of patients by providers and by KDHE is occurring.

**Slide 7:** As of April 12, 2019, 13 cases of animal rabies have been reported in Kansas: nine skunks, one bat, one cat, one dog, and one sheep. Wildlife serves as the primary source of infection; the skunk is the reservoir for rabies in Kansas. It is anticipated that as the weather warms up outside the number of rabies cases will continue to rise due to increased interactions between humans and animals with wildlife

**Slide 10:** Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) season begins in April. During summer months, people and animals are at a higher risk to be exposed to HABs.

KDHE Bureau of Water lists health advisories for waterbodies in Kansas on the HAB page of the KDHE website. Advisories are updated weekly during the HAB season (April through October).

We encourage all health professionals and the general public to report any cases of human or animal illness related to HABs to KDHE.

**Slide 11:** Since we began tracking human and animal illness complaints in 2015, we have had 12 likely human cases and 1 likely animal case.

## **Cristi Cain | Local Public Health Program**

**Slide 15:** Register for this event at <https://nekansasgrants101.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact HRSA at [\\_HRSAORORegion7@hrsa.gov](mailto:HRSAORORegion7@hrsa.gov).

**TOPICS AT A GLANCE**

- ♦ Federal grant application process
- ♦ Common mistakes and important tips
- ♦ Federal and State funding opportunities
- ♦ Engaging and collaborating with foundations

  

## Grants 101 Workshop



*The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Regional Operations, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Kansas State University, is hosting a grants 101 workshop.*

**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Manhattan, Kansas – Kansas State University**

*Who Should Attend This Event?*

Community and faith-based organizations, hospitals, health centers, colleges, and public health departments interested in learning how to get registered for federal and state funding opportunities, where to find those opportunities, and how to create a more competitive proposal.

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## **Tyson Rensch | Kansas Train**

**Slide 19:** Seat availability gathered Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Please note that the next Webinar will be May 28, 2019 at 10am.**